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that the legislature will pass an act to release the right of the state in the said property; and to vest the same in her and her children; and it appearing to this general assembly reasonable that the said petition should be granted,

Right vested,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the right of the state of Maryland in the real and personal property be and is hereby granted unto, and vested in, the said Eleanor Shuman, widow, and the children of her and the said Peter Shuman, named Aaron Shuman, Catolina Shuman, Albert Shuman, Jacob Shuman, Peter Shuman, John Shuman, Eleanor Shuman, William Shuman, Isaac Shuman, Ganett Shuman and Anne Shuman, in manner following, to wit: One third part of the real estate aforesaid is hereby vested in the said Eleanor Shuman, widow, during her natural life, and after her death to her eleven children before named, their heirs and assigns, as tenants in common, and the remaining two third parts of said real estate is hereby vested in the eleven children aforesaid, named Aaron Shuman, Catolina Shuman, Albert Shuman, Jacob Shuman, Peter Shuman, John Shuman, Eleanor Shuman, William Shuman, Isaac Shuman, Ganett Shuman and Anne Shuman, and their heirs and assigns for ever, as tenants in common, in fee, and one third part of the clear personal estate is hereby vested in the said Eleanor Shuman, the widow, and the remaining two thirds is hereby vested in the eleven children aforesaid, to be equally divided between them.

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Passed De-
cember 30.

An ACT to allow further time for collecting the balances due to Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an act of November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, the aforesaid Thomas O'Bryon was authorized and empowered to collect the arrearages of taxes and officers fees due and owing to him, as sheriff and collector aforesaid, within a certain time limited by the same act: And whereas the death of the aforesaid Thomas O'Bryon has prevented said collection, and it appearing reasonable and just that further time should be allowed to the securities of the said Thomas O'Bryon for the collection aforesaid,

M. Hawkins,
&c. to collect,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Matthew Hawkins, James O'Bryon, David Linsey, William Clayton, Edward Wright, John H. Downes, Henry Pratt, Robert Waters and William Diamond, securities of Thomas O'Bryon aforesaid, or a majority of them, or the survivors of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to collect, on or before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, all balances owing as aforesaid to the said deceased sheriff and collector for the years seventeen hundred and ninety-three and seventeen hundred and ninety-four, in manner following, to wit: That the aforesaid securities, or such person or persons deputed by them, or a majority of them, or the survivors of them, in the collection aforesaid, shall, at least thirty days before execution or distress of property for the arrearages aforesaid, deliver to the person charged, or leave at his or her last place of abode, an account, stating the taxes, and the amount of fees due to the officers respectively, or such part thereof as may be claimed as due; and the said securities, or a majority of them, or their agent, shall, if they be thereto required by the person so charged, make oath before a justice of the peace, that the said account was taken fairly and truly from the books or papers of the said Thomas O'Bryon; and if the person or persons owing such taxes and officers fees shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said securities, or a majority of them, or the survivors of them, to collect the same by execution or distress of property of the person or persons so refusing or neglecting, and to sell and dispose thereof, at public auction, at the expiration of ten days, exclusive of the day of seizure and day of sale, on giving ten days notice, by advertisement at the most public places of the neighbourhood, and at the court-house door of the county, of the day and hour of sale.

III. *Provided*